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REMARKS

I. PENDING CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2, and 6-13 will be pending in this application. Claims 1 and 14-18 have been canceled.

Applicants have amended claims 8 and 13 to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 (i.e., to place them into independent form) as suggested by the Examiner in the Advisory action. The remaining claim amendments change the dependencies of dependent claims accordingly. No new matter has been added.

Since these amendments merely implements suggestions made by the Examiner in his Advisory action, it does not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. Accordingly, the amendments should be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Moreover, since the Examiner has indicated in his Advisory Action that such amendments would make the claims allowable, the amendments obviously place the application in condition for allowance.

An early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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